

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Property Tax Code is amended by changing
5 Section 2-45 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 200/2-45)

7 Sec. 2-45. Selection and eligibility of township and
8 multi-township assessors.

9 (a) In all counties under township organization, township
10 or multi-township assessors shall be qualified as required by
11 subsections (b) through (d) of this Section and shall be
12 elected as provided in this Code. Township or multi-township
13 assessors shall enter upon their duties on January 1 following
14 their election, and perform the duties of the office for 4
15 years.

16 (b) Beginning December 1, 1996, in any township or
17 multi-township assessment district not subject to the
18 requirements of subsections (c) or (d) of this Section, no
19 person is eligible to file nomination papers or participate as
20 a candidate in any caucus or primary or general election for,
21 or be appointed to fill vacancies in, the office of township or
22 multi-township assessor, unless he or she (i) has successfully
23 completed an introductory course in assessment practices that

1 is approved by the Department; or (ii) possesses at least one
2 of the qualifications listed in paragraphs (1) through (6) of
3 subsection (c) of this Section. The candidate cannot file
4 nominating papers or participate as a candidate unless a copy
5 of the certificate of his or her qualifications is filed with
6 the township clerk, board of election commissioners, or other
7 appropriate authority as required by the Election Code. The
8 candidate cannot be appointed to fill a vacancy until he or she
9 has filed a copy of the certificate of his or her
10 qualifications with the appointing authority.

11 (c) Beginning December 1, 1996, in a township or
12 multi-township assessment district with \$25,000,000 or more of
13 non-farm equalized assessed value or \$1,000,000 or more in
14 commercial and industrial equalized assessed value, no person
15 is eligible to file nomination papers or participate as a
16 candidate in any caucus or primary or general election for, or
17 be appointed to fill vacancies in, the office of township or
18 multi-township assessor, unless he or she possesses at least
19 one of the qualifications listed in paragraphs (1) through (6)
20 of this subsection (c).

21 (1) a Certified Illinois Assessing Officer certificate
22 from the Illinois Property Assessment Institute with
23 current additional 30 class hours as required for
24 additional compensation under Section 4-10;

25 (2) (A) A Certified Illinois Assessing Officer
26 certificate from the Illinois Property Assessment

1 Institute with a minimum of 300 additional hours of
2 successfully completed courses approved by the Department,
3 if at least 150 of the course hours required a written
4 examination; and

5 (B) within the 4 years preceding the election,
6 successful completion of at least 15 class hours of
7 additional training in courses that must be approved by the
8 Department, including but not limited to, assessment,
9 appraisal, or computer courses, and that may be offered by
10 accredited universities, colleges, or community colleges;

11 (3) a Certified Assessment Evaluator designation from
12 the International Association of Assessing Officers;

13 (4) certification as a Member of the Appraisal
14 Institute, Senior Real Estate Analyst, or Senior Real
15 Property Appraiser from the Appraisal Institute or its
16 predecessor organization;

17 (5) a professional designation by any other appraisal
18 or assessing association approved by the Department; or

19 (6) if the person has served as a township or
20 multi-township assessor for 12 years or more, a Certified
21 Illinois Assessing Official certificate from the Illinois
22 Property Assessment Institute with a minimum of 360
23 additional hours of successfully completed courses
24 approved by the Department, if at least 180 of the course
25 hours required a written examination.

26 The candidate cannot file nominating papers or participate

1 as a candidate unless a copy of the certificate of his or her
2 qualifications is filed with the township clerk, board of
3 election commissioners, or other appropriate authority as
4 required by the Election Code. The candidate cannot be
5 appointed to fill a vacancy until he or she has filed a copy of
6 the certificate of his or her qualifications with the
7 appointing authority.

8 (d) Beginning December 1, 2000, in a township or
9 multi-township assessment district with more than \$10,000,000
10 and less than \$25,000,000 of non-farm equalized assessed value
11 and less than \$1,000,000 in commercial and industrial equalized
12 assessed value, no person who has previously been elected as
13 township or multi-township assessor in any such township or
14 multi-township assessment district is eligible to file
15 nomination papers or participate as a candidate in any caucus
16 or primary or general election for the office of township or
17 multi-township assessor, unless he or she possesses at least
18 one of the qualifications listed in paragraphs (1) through (6)
19 of subsection (c) of this Section. The candidate cannot file
20 nominating papers or participate as a candidate unless a copy
21 of the certificate of his or her qualifications is filed with
22 the township clerk, board of election commissioners, or other
23 appropriate authority as required by the Election Code.

24 (e) If any person files nominating papers for candidacy for
25 the office of township or multi-township assessor without also
26 filing a copy of the certificate as required by this Section,

1 the clerk of the township, the board of election commissioners,
2 or other appropriate authority as required by the Election Code
3 shall refuse to certify the name of the person as a candidate
4 to the proper election officials.

5 If no candidate for election meets the above qualifications
6 there shall be no election and the town board of trustees or
7 multi-township board of trustees shall appoint or contract with
8 a person under Section 2-60.

9 As used in this Section only, "non-farm equalized assessed
10 value" means the total equalized assessed value in the township
11 or multi-township assessment district as reported to the
12 Department under Section 18-225 after removal of homestead
13 exemptions, and after removal of the equalized assessed value
14 reported as farm or minerals to the Department under Section
15 18-225.

16 For purposes of this Section only, "file nomination papers"
17 also includes having nomination papers filed on behalf of the
18 candidate by another person.

19 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, with
20 respect to elections or vacancies occurring on or after the
21 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 99th General
22 Assembly, candidates for township or multi-township assessor
23 in Cook County are not required to file certificates of
24 qualifications as provided in this Section.

25 (Source: P.A. 93-188, eff. 7-11-03.)